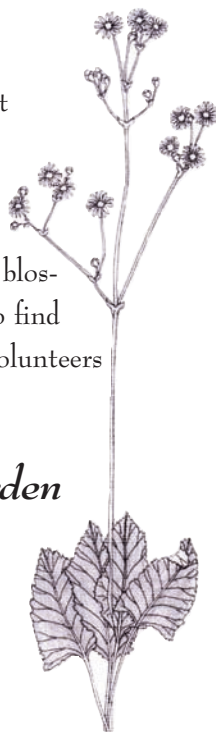


The Wildflower Garden prairie blooms in late summer!

During the month of August, the prairie is alive with different shades of yellows, oranges and purples. Walk along our sunny paths to see prairie dock, coneflowers, wild bergamot, and many species of goldenrod and asters. Cool off in the shady woods and look for all the fruits the spring and early summer blossoms have produced. Be sure to stop in the Visitors Shelter to find out what is currently in bloom or to ask our naturalists and volunteers a question about the wonders of the Wildflower Garden.



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Seasonal Classes at the Wildflower Garden

Nature's Healers – Medicinal Plants of the Garden

Led by herbalist Cynthia Thomas

Mondays, 5:30-7 pm Class fee: \$15 per class

August 1 – Wonderful Weeds: Uncommon Powers

August 29 – Introduction to Wild Medicine

September 12 – Early Fall Medicine Plants

September 26 – Fall Medicine Roots & Barks

Join herbalist Cynthia Thomas in the field to learn about the simple use of plants as medicine and food. Learn about the healing properties of plants growing in the Garden and your own backyard. Discover how to identify and use several favorite medicinal plants species.

Writing the Natural World

Led by Jude Nutter

Thursdays, August 2, 9, & 16, 4-7pm Class fee: \$65

Explore how to use and sequence images of the natural world to lead the reader on an emotional journey. Participants will spend time learning, writing and sharing. This class is for beginners as well as seasoned writers.

Gardening in the Shade

Led by Shirley Mah Kooyman

Saturday, August 6, 9-11am Class fee: \$20

Gardening in the shade can be challenging but rewarding by opening up the possibilities of a new palette of plants to work with. Learn what works with examples of perennials, annuals, ferns, and woody species.

Wildflower Photography 101

Led by photographer John Maciejny

Fridays, 9:30-11am Class fee: \$15 per class

August 26 – sunflowers and asters, September 23 – autumn foliage

Learning how to photograph the subtle beauty of native plants takes time, patience and the right tools. In this class participants will be taught basic techniques to create stunning floral images. Digital or film cameras are welcome.

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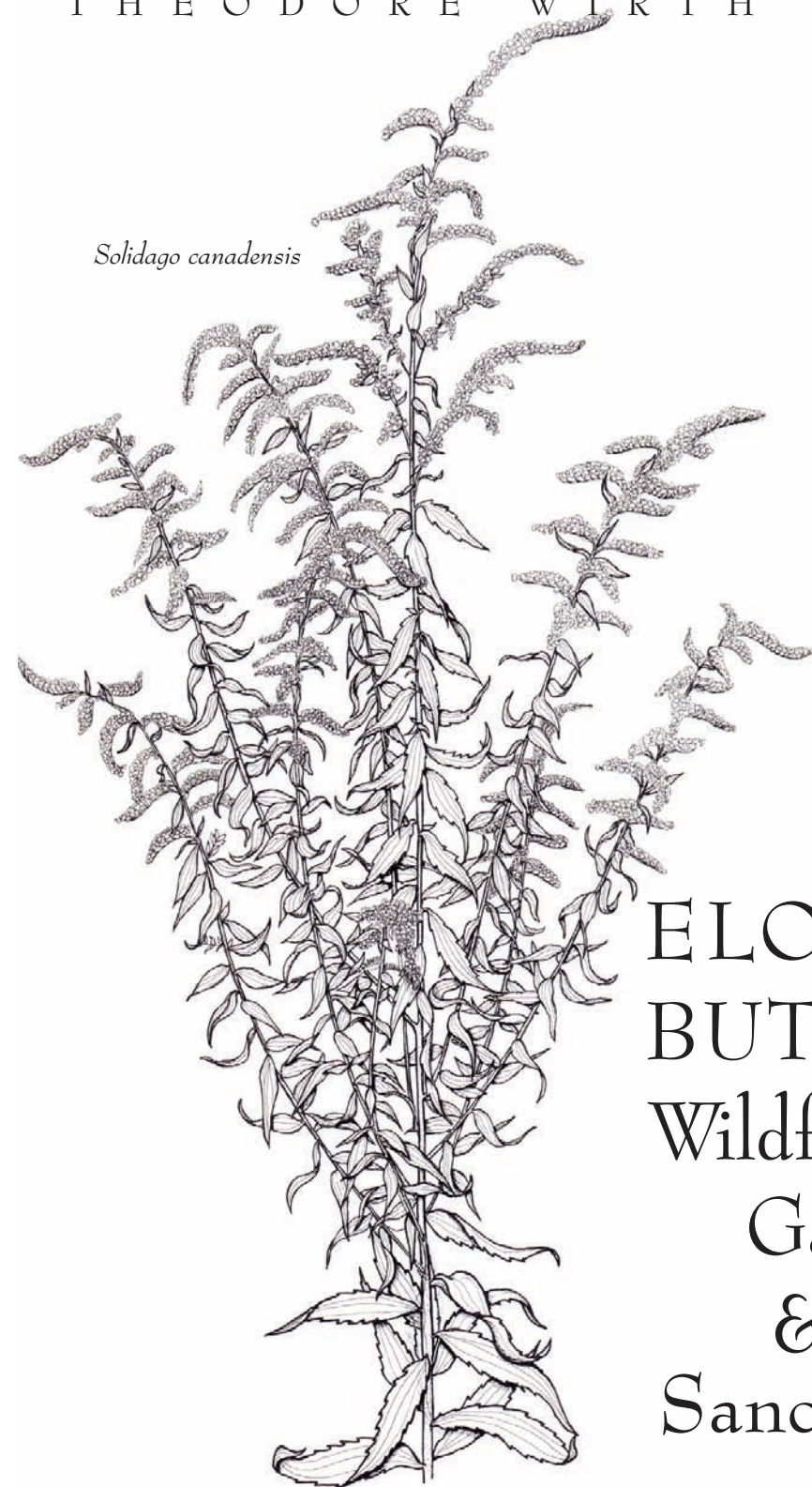
Visit the Garden –

Garden hours– The Garden is open daily from April 1 to October 15 from 7:30am to 1/2 hour before sunset.

Martha Crone Visitors Shelter hours– The Visitors Shelter is open Monday to Saturday, 10:00am to 1 hour before sunset; and Sunday, Noon to 1 hour before sunset



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AUGUST

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

AUGUST 2011 CALENDAR

Monday, August 1	5:30-7:00pm	Medicinal Plant Walk/Cynthia Thomas*
Tuesday, August 2	5:00-7:00pm 5:30-6:30pm	Writing the Natural World/Jude Nutter* Evening Nature Stroll
Saturday, August 6	7:30-9:00am 9:00-11:00am 11:00am-12:00pm 3:00-4:30pm	Early Birders Gardening in the Shade* Garden Highlights Nature Hike Dragonflies and Insects
Sunday, August 7	1:00-2:30pm 4:00-5:00pm	Summer Wildflower Tour Garden Highlights Nature Hike
Tuesday, August 9	5:00-7:00pm 5:30-6:30pm	Writing the Natural World/Jude Nutter* Evening Nature Stroll
Friday, August 12	8:15-9:15pm	Full Sturgeon Moon Walk
Saturday, August 13	7:30-9:00am 11:00am-12:00pm 3:00-4:30pm	Early Birders Garden Highlights Nature Hike Summer Wildflower Tour
Sunday, August 14	1:00-2:30pm 4:00-5:00pm	Birding Basics Tour Garden Highlights Nature Hike
Tuesday, August 16	5:00-7:00pm 5:30-6:30pm	Writing the Natural World/Jude Nutter* Evening Nature Stroll
Saturday, August 20	7:30-9:00am 11:00am-12:00pm 1:00-3:00pm 3:00-4:30pm	Early Birders Garden Highlights Nature Hike Wonder in the Garden with the MIA** Quaking Bog Tour
Sunday, August 21	1:00-2:30pm 4:00-5:00pm	Summer Wildflower Tour Garden Highlights Nature Hike
Tuesday, August 23	5:30-6:30pm	Evening Nature Stroll
Friday, August 26	9:30-11:00am	Wildflower Photography 101*
Saturday, August 27	7:30-9:00am 11:00am-12:00pm 3:00-4:30pm	Early Birders Garden Highlights Nature Hike Summer Wildflower Tour
Sunday, August 28	1:00-2:30pm 4:00-5:00pm 8:15-9:15pm	Wildflowers of the Wetland and Prairie Garden Highlights Nature Hike New Moon Tour
Monday, August 29	5:30-7:00pm	Medicinal Plant Walk/Cynthia Thomas*
Tuesday, August 30	5:30-6:30pm	Evening Nature Stroll

*Seasonal Class at the Garden. Details are on the other side of this brochure.

**Special Event at the Garden. Details are at right.

NATURALIST LED HIKES & TOURS

BIRDING BASICS TOUR – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

If you have an interest in learning more about birds, but don't know where to start look no further. This program is designed to assist beginning birders develop techniques for rewarding bird watching. We will learn tips to increase ease and usability of binoculars and field guides and will spend time in the field discovering how to successfully identify birds. Bring binoculars and a birding field guide or you can borrow ours.

DRAGONFLIES AND INSECTS TOUR – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Learn about the pesky mosquito, the beautiful dragonfly and investigate other incredible insects. Join a Garden Naturalist on an insect filled tour of the Garden for families!

EARLY BIRDERS – Free

This program is designed for individuals who have some experience with field guides and binoculars, and wish to practice finding and identifying birds. In addition to bird identification, we will focus on birding by ear, bird behavior, and bird habitats. Bring binoculars and a field guide or borrow ours.

EVENING NATURE STROLL – Free

Early evening is a wonderful time to enjoy the spirit of summer at the Garden. Relax and revel in the beauty of this season as a Garden naturalist leads you on a tour of the wildflowers along the Garden's trails.

FULL STURGEON MOON GARDEN TOUR – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Note: Advance registration for this tour is required

Take a twilight tour of the Garden and discover the magic of being in our Sanctuary long after the sun has set. We will look for bats and listen for owls. Meet at the front gate.

GARDEN HIGHLIGHTS NATURE HIKE – Free

Learn about the current blooms, bird sightings, and animal antics in the Garden while hiking the trails with a Naturalist. The Garden Highlights Hike will focus on what is of interest on the day that you visit, so each hike will be a new exploration into the most up-to-date curiosities and wonders of the Wildflower Garden.

Program Registration: Go online to www.minneapolisparcs.org to register using ActiveNet, stop in the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter, or call us at 612-370-4903.

All programs begin at the Shelter unless otherwise noted.

Garden Information and Inquiries: To ask Garden related questions or to inquire about plants in bloom and recent bird sightings please stop by the Martha Crone Visitors Shelter or call 370-4903 during Shelter hours.

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NEW MOON GARDEN TOUR – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

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Experience the Garden at nightfall. As darkness washes over the Garden an array of sounds, smells and sights greet our senses. Be on the look out for bats, nighthawks, owls, and breathe in the refreshing evening air. Meet at the front gate.

QUAKING BOG TOUR – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

The bog is home to many unique plants with interesting adaptations for survival. Discover the characteristics that make a bog habitat what it is and take part in hands-on analysis of the water in the bog. Learn about what is being done to preserve this special habitat. Meet at the Quaking Bog parking lot.

SUMMER WILDFLOWER TOUR – \$5 per person/\$10 per family

Summer is unfolding in flowers at the Eloise Butler Wildflower Garden. Join a Garden Naturalist to explore the blossoms of August in the woodlands, wetland and prairie. We will explore the Garden trails while learning about the natural histories of the plants flowering during your visit.

WILDFLOWERS OF THE WETLAND AND PRAIRIE TOUR – \$5 per person/ \$10 per family

Join a Naturalist on a wildflower-focused tour of the Garden. You will have a chance to walk the Garden trails while learning about and looking for wildflowers of late summer including asters, blazing-stars, and more.



Special Event at the Garden

Wonder in the Wildflower Garden

Hands-on Art Exploration Series

April through August, join artists from the Minneapolis Institute of Arts for third Saturdays in the Wildflower Garden. Explore inspirations from the museum and nature. Then roll up your sleeves and make some art!

► Saturday, August 20, 1:00-3:00pm Free!

Meet outside of Martha Crone Visitor Shelter in the Garden

Bee Paintings with artist Paige Dansinger

Paige Dansinger is a local working artist, art historian and innovator. Her paintings of flowers and bees are collected internationally. Join Paige for an afternoon of painting some of the Garden's most beloved insects, the benevolent bees.

Pre-registration is encouraged to guarantee a space. We will try to accommodate all walk-ins.